

Newton Township Board of Supervisors' Meeting

July 11, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM after Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members in Attendance: Kevin Carr and Robert Naegele

Absent: Douglas Pallman

Board Guests in Attendance: Robert Sheils, III, Solicitor; D. Scot Haan, CEO and Francine Fawcett, Secretary/Treasurer

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Naegele to approve the minutes of the General Meeting of June 13, 2022, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.

Announcements: None

Correspondence: Correspondence is available with the Secretary's office during regular business hours for review.

New Business:

Culvert Bids: Bids were opened for the culvert replacements on Hilltop Drive and Fords Pond Road. The township has received a grant towards the work on Fords Pond for \$47,100. The cost for the two culverts is \$47,244. Bids will be sent to the engineer for review and recommendation. Meanwhile, the supervisors will continue the discussion after reviewing the budget. The bids will be tabled until the August 8th meeting.

Jim Durkin, Reilly and Associates: Mr. Durkin came to the meeting to discuss the status of work that is being done to study the treatment plant at the Clarks Summit State Hospital. He explained that they are trying to minimize the stormwater rates. Abington Heights has to do something with their filtration because the levels are high. Updating the system here in Newton depends on ARWA. Mr. Durkin stated that Newton Township has to decide what capacity it wants for them to move forward with planning.

Resolution 2022-2: This is a resolution for Newton Township to apply for a \$50,000 grant with DCED to be used towards the erection of a new salt shed. **Motion by Naegele to sign, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.**

Christine Beck – Davinci Lane: Mrs. Beck was present to discuss the fact that her neighbor did not have to put in a driveway pipe in a secondary driveway. It was explained that it did not need one and she had to put one in because she had a swale going across her secondary driveway, years ago, and had the swale filled in for an easier access to the driveway. She can have the secondary driveway if she has a permit and puts the swale in or puts in the driveway pipe.

Standing Committee Reports: POSTED - Planning Commission

Recreation Center: Leases are still under review. Hourly rates are established and will be publicized for the public. Soccer will rent the field from August 8 to November 3, 2022 – Monday thru Friday – 5pm to 7pm at the rate of \$1500.

Tax Collector: A deputy tax collector is needed. We will ask Jen if she has someone to put in. Taxes are coming in and only \$60,000 more to collect.

NRVFC: Chief LaCoe reported that the fire company had 25 calls for the month of June. He also reported that the price of address signs is now \$15/pc because the cost increased for the fire company to purchase the blanks.

Road Master: Naegele reported that the paving project is complete and the DPW will now work on getting the sides of the roads filled in.

Solicitor: Attorney Sheils reported that he is working on the leases and a new agreement for the fire company.

CEO: Haan reported that he is handling complaints.

Planning Commission: No June meeting.

Public Input : None

Bills: Motion by Naegele to approve the bills as read and prepared, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.

Being no further business, Naegele motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25PM, 2nd by Carr. Motion voted, all in favor.